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## COBURN SPEAKS TO BIG AUDIENCE

Famous Kansas Agriculturalist On Alfalfa.

Last Day's Sessions of Farmers' Institute Show Best Attendance of All.

PROFITABLE TO DELEGATES

Commissioner Vreeland awarded the premiums this morning for the corn and tobacco exhibits as follows:

Tobacco — John McKeage, Woodville, mixed tobacco, first premium; W. H. Woods, Bayon, Livingston, African long leaf, first.

Corn — A. M. McGrew, Livingston, Boone white, first; G. N. McGrew, Livingston, Boone white, second; Robert and Charles Bower, Mcracken, white corn, first; F. M. Watkins, Hickman, white corn, second; G. M. McGrew, Livingston, yellow corn, first; G. M. Spitzer, R. R. No. 3, yellow corn, second.

The first premium for tobacco was \$8.00. For corn the first premium was \$1.00; second premium, \$2.00.

Before the largest audience of the Institute F. D. Coburn, of Topeka, Kansas, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture, talked for more than an hour this morning at the city hall on the subject of "Alfalfa."

Mr. Coburn's address was the only one in the morning session. This afternoon, the last session of the Institute is being held at the city hall. Prof. R. M. Allen, of the experiment station at Lexington, Ky., is speaking on the subject of "Dairying in Kentucky." J. G. Hooper and E. S. Good also will speak.

In the first address he has made in Kentucky, Mr. F. D. Coburn handled the subject of "Alfalfa" on which he has achieved considerable reputation, before an attentive audience this morning. His talk, for so he pleased to name his address, was not an oration, but a plain statement of facts about alfalfa, and what it meant to other states as a serious crop. He did not state positively what alfalfa would do in Kentucky. He merely stated facts and allowed his audience to draw conclusions.

It was evident that he thought alfalfa is a crop that will increase the wealth of the state. He said the farmer who travels the single road of tobacco or wheat or any exclusive crop, is headed and will arrive at the poor house. Our land cannot stand continuous use with one crop. As a remedy for that fact he said that alfalfa beyond a doubt had been a most successful renovator of the soil in his state and other states with which he is familiar. Alfalfa is one of the few crops which do not take nitrogen from the soil—one of the vital constituents of the soil for tobacco, corn or wheat. On the other hand it actually brings nitrogen in a large degree to the soil. Its roots by going deep into the soil, sometimes twenty-five feet, get nourishment which other plants cannot reach. Then these roots open the way for rain, fertilizers and other beneficial things to get into the soil.

Alfalfa is the finest forage crop. The yields are larger from three to five cuttings in one season, and it contains a larger amount of protein than any other grass. Protein is the element which makes the fat and milk. Alfalfa will grow anywhere that the soil is not wet and the richer it is and the better the condition, the more will be the results. It is a crop which requires much attention and above all, the farmer should not become discouraged with the first, second or third year's success. One acre of alfalfa contains as much food value for cattle as three of red clover or nine of timothy.

He had with him and showed to the audience, a sample of alfalfa and alfalfa seed. It was the fifth cutting this year and he asked if that would not make their cows' mouths water. The leaves, he said, are as rich as wheat bran, but they must be harvested and handled carefully to be saved. "Sons of Rest" could not raise alfalfa. Nor could "Fugitives from Labor." It should be sown on freshly plowed ground. Be careful to get good seed, get them tested at the state experiment station free, and get seeds grown in the same latitude as this end of the state.

From 15 to 20 pounds of seed should be used to the acre. It is a delicate plant when it first comes up and for the first year or two should be attended to carefully. It would be well to precede it by a crop of potatoes. Frequent mowing is helpful and the liberal use of the disc harrow is advised. The crops are close together and it should be cut as soon as it begins to bloom. The sun is not, he said, the best thing to use too

freely in curing any kind of forage. And it can do a lot of damage to alfalfa. It should be gotten under cover immediately after curing and those animals which chew the cud, will be injured if they graze on the uncut fields. It is a splendid food for hogs and horses. Especially is it good for breeding hogs. Cattle fed on alfalfa took the first prizes at Chicago and St. Louis.

Mr. Coburn gave figures on the prices obtained for alfalfa. One field of ten acres in one season returned \$1,184. That was for the seed, straw and all. He closed by commending particularly a booklet issued by Commissioner Vreeland on the subject of alfalfa.

Friday Afternoon. Three lectures were given Friday afternoon. They were all interesting and highly instructive.

Prof. G. I. Christie, of LaFayette, Ind., spoke on "Seed Corn Selection," and gave his audience many new ideas. He said that the yield to the acre in Kentucky is too low for corn, and that the profits of the crop ran little over the cost of production. Our farmers should get seed corn adapted to their soils and as a means of ascertaining that fact, he suggested that each county have an experiment tract on which the different varieties grown in the county could be tested and the one best suited to that soil, found.

Prof. Christie had several charts to illustrate his talk. They were enlarged photographs of the whole ears of corn, of split ears of grains and growing stalks. As a means of finding the value of the seed, he said a few from an ear of corn could be germinated. That would show the quality of the bushel. He said a perfect ear of corn was nearly the same size at both ends, and that the grains in the middle of the ear would produce the largest and best ears. Seed corn should be shelled by hand and the few grains on the tip and butt should not be used. Before putting the seed in the planter the deep grains should be separated from the shallow grains, which would make the planter work better and the crop more uniform. In shelling the corn, it would be easy to separate the different size of grains.

Prof. W. L. Goss, of the Washington department, spoke next and had "Seed Adulteration" as his subject. Just as Professor Allen in the morning showed the dangers and fraud of adulteration in food stuffs so did Professor Goss show the dangers and frauds of seed adulteration. He said there were three kinds of adulterants used. They are, crushed quartz, poor seeds are mixed with the good seed, and totally different seeds but which look alike, are mixed and sold for the pure article. He said we get enormous quantities from Europe and a large per centum of European seeds are adulterated with the worst kinds of weed seeds. Also that the stringent seed laws of Europe re-

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## ENERGETIC

IS MRS. O. BOWYER, WHO CONDUCTS BOARDING HOUSE.

Caught Up With Boarder, Seized Her Trunks and Is Holding Them for Debt.

Mrs. O. Bowyer, manager of a boarding house at Twelfth and Jefferson streets, arrested a boarder, who tried to beat her out of a board bill, seized her trunks and luggage and carried them to the sheriff's office.

The woman owed one month's board. She asked Mrs. Bowyer to go to the city and buy her some velvet. Mrs. Bowyer did and on returning found her roomer's key on the floor and all the luggage and the occupant gone.

Hitching to her wagon she went after the sheriff, seated him in her buggy and started on her search. She caught the woman on the street, made her surrender her luggage and then drove to the sheriff's office where she deposited the trunks.

The woman agreed to pay each week in installments and the luggage is being held at the sheriff's office.

Trust Company Closed. Washington, Oct. 20.—Atlanta Banking & Trust company, of Washington, was closed by the comptroller of the currency today and a receiver appointed. Examination shows the concern to be insolvent. The company is branch of the Aetna Banking & Trust company, of Butte, Mont.

It is the daily average circulation of a newspaper that the shrewd advertiser investigates. "High Water" days don't count. The Sun's daily average last month was 3939.

## BLOODY REVENGE OF CAR REPAIRER

Assaults Inspector at Early Hour This Morning.

Ed Friels Knocked Down and Beaten By Man Whom He Discharged Thursday.

ASSAILANT MAKES ESCAPE.

Ed Friels, of Mechanicsburg, a car inspector employed at night in the local Illinois Central shop yards, was attacked last night by a man whom he had caused to be discharged, and is lying at his home suffering from wounds inflicted with some blunt instrument thought to have been brass knuckles. He is not seriously injured, but will be disabled for some time.

Friels has a force of men under him, and two nights ago Sam Vinson reported in an intoxicated condition. Friels sent him home and reported the incident to his superiors. Immediately Binson received his discharge.

At 1 o'clock this morning, just before the Cairo freight pulled out of the yards, Friels was making an inspection of the cars. He was in the middle of the train when some one stepped out from behind a car and attacked him.

Friels was unarmed and taken by surprise. No one was near to aid him and the man whom Friels says he recognized as Vinson, continued his assault.

The inspector was first struck on the cheek with sufficient force to tell him. He arose and received a blow on the right side of his head. The instrument cut to the skull several more blows were dealt the inspector before his assailant stopped.

Escape was effected on the Cairo train which pulled out before Friels could report the matter.

Special Policeman Dick Tolbert was called out of his bed at 2 o'clock but was unable to do anything more than telegraph ahead to intercept the fugitive. At Cairo he could not be found.

Friels appeared at the police station this morning and swore out a warrant against Vinson charging malicious assault with intent to kill. He charges that brass knuckles were used.

ATTACK ON A WOMAN IS COSTLY

Steamship Company Must Pay Her \$15,000 and Man Gets Life.

Buffalo, Oct. 20.—Mrs. Della B. Sweeting of Jackson, Mich., was given a verdict for \$15,000 by a jury in the federal court at Lockport, tonight against the passenger steamer Western States of the Detroit and Buffalo Line as damages for an assault by Joseph Corwin, an officer on the boat. The assault was committed while Mrs. Sweeting was a passenger on the steamer, Corwin was convicted of the crime and is now serving a life sentence in the Michigan state prison.

Negro Hanging to Tree.

Lexington, Oct. 20.—A negro was found hanging to a tree on the lawn of Horace Coleman, nine miles from Lexington this morning. The indications are that he was lynched, but no one in the neighborhood appears to know him, or have any knowledge of the crime.

## FRESHMEN

HOLD FIRST LITERARY EXERCISES OF TERM.

Foot Ball Game on With Metropolis This Afternoon—Busy Day for Educator.

The Freshman class of the Paducah High school held its first literary meeting at the auditorium yesterday afternoon and speeches, songs, instrumental music and other pleasant features were carried through. The entire class was present and many others from other grades in the High school.

Today the Paducah and Metropolis High school teams are playing a game of foot ball at Wallace park, the first of the season. The locals are in good trim. The grounds are in excellent condition and a large crowd is out to witness the sport.

Prof. Cherry Busy. Prof. H. H. Cherry, of the Western State Normal school at Bowling Green, was a busy man yesterday. He spoke to the pupils of the High school in the morning and to the teachers at their monthly literary meeting in the afternoon, returning home last night.

Mr. Linneus Orme returned from Fulton this morning.

## DOUBLE TRACK Will Be Laid on Broadway From Fifth to Fourth.

The board of public works yesterday afternoon granted the Paducah Traction company the privilege of tearing up Broadway from Fifth street to Fourth street for double tracking, the company to relay the square with Puritan block brick. The franchise for the traction company gives it power to double track on Broadway where it is paved, and last year it doubled track from Ninth street to Fifth street. This completes the double track from the river to Ninth street. The curve leading into North Fourth street from Broadway will be taken up.

## CLASS

ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN COLORED CONFERENCE.

Board of Finance Makes Report of Funds on Hand—Assignment of Ministers.

The venerable Bishop Isaac Lane gave some wholesome truths for the guidance of ministers everywhere in addressing a class of young ministers, just admitted to full membership in the colored conference in session at Massy's Chapel in this city. The class is composed of D. H. Anderson, C. L. Howard, R. S. McCulley and L. R. Bayless.

The joint board of finance made a partial report showing a total of Conference claims amounting to \$1,425 have been raised. Of this amount \$896.80 goes to the general fund and \$136 goes to the contingent fund.

The board of finance is composed of the Rev. J. W. McClure, Trenton; Prof. J. W. Brough, Madisonville; Minor Thomas, Hopkinsville; the Rev. J. M. Lawrence, Fulton; and the Rev. P. W. Garrett, Dawson. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the appointments, which will not be read before Sunday night.

A remarkable example of the progress of the negro race is found in the personnel of the Conference. Some are old men who came up from slavery and have done great work for their race. Of this class Bishop Lane stands in the lead. Some of the oldest men are P. S. Smith, J. W. Kell, F. P. Taylor, M. I. Warfield, P. A. Samples, I. Jones, G. W. Lander and G. H. Hubbard. Of those young men received a generation or so from slavery, the most prominent in conference are T. J. Moppins, J. W. Brough, D. H. Anderson, N. H. Howard, G. C. Parker and others.

## NEW OYSTERS

LOCAL SUPPLY QUICKLY EXHAUSTED.

Retail Dealers Anticipate Trouble in Meeting Demand All This Winter.

The press despatches stating that the oyster crop this year would be short, are true so far as the local dealers know. The last cold snap we had, gave an impulse to the demand for oysters that quickly exhausted the supply on hand and efforts to replenish from the wholesalers were all but fruitless. As soon as the full winter demand sets in the local dealers expect difficulty in keeping supplied. As yet there is no change in prices over last year.

## RED MEN'S MEMORIAL

Committee Appointed to Arrange for October 28.

The Red Men will hold memorial services on Sunday, October 28, in the afternoon at the Broadway Methodist church. The following committee was appointed to arrange a program: Henry Weimar, L. L. Bebout, Bob Richardson and Clarence Householder. The program will be interspersed with music. The best speakers in the city will be secured.

Stranger Sleeps on Porch. When William Gibson opened his front door at 2 o'clock this morning to investigate a noise, he found his front porch had been converted into a bed by a stranger who was lost in dreamland. Gibson resides in a small frame house situated between the two railroad crossings on Tennessee street. He telephoned the police, but the stranger disappeared.

Fell Down Shaft. Chicago, Oct. 20.—Charles Stevenson, a lawyer, was found dead this morning at the foot of an elevator shaft at 92 Washington street. He was killed by a fall through an open door.

## DAMAGE CAUSED BY GREAT STORM

Cuba And All West Indies Lose Millions.

Shipping Suffers Most Severely and Loss of Life Heavy Among Merchant Vessels.

FLORIDA COAST IS VISITED

FIVE HUNDRED DEAD.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 20.—Five hundred lives lost and property damage estimated at a million dollars are the result of Thursday's disaster.

Miami, Fla., Oct. 20.—Captain Bravo, of the St. Lucie, says he anchored on the lee side of Elliott's Key, 25 miles south of Miami, Thursday morning, and that soon after a tidal wave engulfed the island. He says there are 250 residents on the island, all of whom were lost. The St. Lucie was crushed by the same wave and of 100 passengers on board 25 were killed. Bravo was seriously injured. A large containing 100 people is said to have been torn away from its moorings at Elliott's Key and afterwards picked up near Bahama islands, 50 of the passengers having been drowned.

Death and Destruction.

San Salvador, Oct. 20.—Tempests have raged incessantly for ten days throughout the republic resulting in great loss of life and destruction of cattle and crops. The Salvadorean man of war, Izalco was lost at Acapulco.

Guatemala and Honduras also have suffered severely. It is said the losses there will amount to many millions of dollars.

Storm in Cuba.

Havana, Oct. 20.—A cyclone which began here Wednesday afternoon, reached its full fury Thursday morning. The greatest damage occurred in the harbor and along the docks. A number of smaller craft and lighters were sunk and some houses were blown down. The cyclone was confined to the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio. Matanzas City escaped.

It is estimated the damage in Havana province will reach fully \$2,000,000. One hundred and fifty tobacco barns in Alquizar district were destroyed.

The cruiser Brooklyn dragged her anchor until her stern ground in the mud off Laregia. She got off this morning without injury.

The cruisers Denver and Minneapolis, the battleship Texas, the auxiliary cruiser Prairie and the supply ship Celtic, all dragged anchors more or less, but prompt seamanship averted collision. The damage sustained by the squadron amounts to little.

Two coasting schooners were driven high on the rocks at the Malecon. The crew of one got ashore but of a crew of the other a few men were drowned. Army transports Cubano from Newport News, with horses and mules and a few teamsters arrived here this morning. One hundred mules and twenty horses were swept overboard and many other animals were injured.

In Havana city about 50 houses were damaged.

## MEMORIAL

SERVICES FOR THE LATE MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at Broadway Methodist Church—The Program.

At the memorial exercises in honor of the memory of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, the United Daughters of the Confederacy will give the following program at the Broadway Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock:

Hymn—546, How Firm a Foundation. Prayer. Scripture Reading. Solo—Miss Scott. Character Sketch—Mrs. R. W. McKinney state president U. D. C. Address—Col. R. J. Barber. Quartette. Address—Dr. T. J. Newell. Hymn—475, Nearer My God to Thee. Benediction.

GIFT OF TONGUE.

Dowie Converts Speak in All Kinds of Languages.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—A "gift of

tongues," or the sudden and apparently miraculous ability to talk in a language before unknown to the worshipper, is the latest phase of the Parham apostle movement at Zion City. No less than 24 converts are said to have had the "experience." Last night at a largely attended meeting Hubert Grant, formerly stenographer for Dowle, was giving "testimony" before the people when he stopped, a pallor swept across his face and he commenced to talk in a strange language. Grant had barely taken his seat when another convert, James Lang, arose and talked in Chinese.

MRS. MEYERS

Is Saved From the Gallows for a Few Months.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 20.—Justice Brewer, of the supreme court of the United States today declined to either issue or deny the application for a writ of error, presented by the woman's attorneys in the case of Mrs. Aggie Meyers, who is under sentence of death on a charge of murdering her husband in Kansas City. Brewer said it would be necessary to have a more complete record of the case before passing upon it. This decision will have the effect of giving the woman a respite of at least two or three months. She was to have been hanged on the 26th instant.

"CRIPPLES' UNION" IS FORMED.

Switchtenders, Legless or Armless, Seek Better Wages and Hours.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20.—The Switchtenders' Union, the first organization of this class of railroad employees in the country, was perfected last night at a largely attended meeting at 10 South Clark street. The new union starts out with a membership of nearly 600. A unique feature of the organization, which has gained for it the facetious though not unkindly intended sobriquet of the "Cripples' Union," is the fact that the larger percentage of the members are minus a leg or an arm, or have suffered some other serious bodily injury while employed in various capacities for railroads.

FIND LOST GIRL IN WOLF'S DEN.

Child Unharmed After Two Days' Absence—Plays With "Doggies."

Menominee, Mich., Oct. 20.—After being lost for two days, 4-year-old Margaret Schweitzer, daughter of a wealthy farmer, was found unharmed in a wolf's den playing with a litter of wolf pups. She seemed perfectly contented. The child scolded her rescuers for scaring away the nice little "doggies" with which she had been playing. She said that she had not been cold or hungry, as she had picked up some nuts.

## WITH A PICK

NEGRO LABORER STRIKES ANOTHER IN TRENCH.

Will Blackman Unconscious With His Skull Crushed—Reynolds It at Large.

With his skull crushed by a blow with a pick Will Blackman, colored, lies at the point of death at his home on Plunkett Hill, a few squares from where he was attacked this afternoon by Henry Reynolds, another negro. It is said he will die.

Reynolds came down into the 15 foot ditch where a sewer trench in district, No. 2, is being excavated. He wanted to use Blackman's tools, and abused the latter, who resented it. Reynolds secured a pick, used in digging, and struck Blackman in the head. His skull was crushed. Reynolds is at large.

Will Abstract Titles.

Monday Police Judge E. H. Puryear will begin securing abstracts of property on which city taxes are delinquent, in order that the solicitor may bring suits for the recovery of the taxes or the sale of the property. It will be a tedious job, the property numbering hundreds of lots.

Refuses to Accept.

The board of public works inspected the sidewalks on Sixth street from Broadway to Jefferson street and refused to accept the work on account of 50 feet of defective concrete near Ochsenschlaeger's drug store. The work was done at night it is said.

WEATHER — Partly Cloudy and warmer tonight. Sunday rain followed by much colder Sunday night or Monday. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 70 and the lowest 60. day was 50.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—A "gift of

## SHOT IN THE HEAD BY TOWN MARSHAL

Dr. A. D. Purdy, of Kuttawa, Probably Will Die.

Officer Was Serving Warrants, When He Claims Dr. Purdy Threatened Him.

PURDY FOUGHT WITH JUDGE

As the result of a chain of circumstances following a fine in the police court at Kuttawa, Dr. A. D. Purdy, one of the best known physicians in this section, is lying at his home in that town with a bullet wound in his brain, and Marshal W. H. McCollum, who has more than one victim to the credit of his aim, is his assailant.

The shooting took place yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock in front of the hotel, when Marshal McCollum went to arrest Dr. Purdy for assaulting D. B. Green, judge of the police court. The bullet from McCollum's revolver entered Dr. Purdy's forehead and came out his skull about three inches away. Surgeons operated on the wound, but the result is still in doubt.

Marshal McCollum claims that Dr. Purdy made a threatening gesture when told he was under arrest.

Dr. Purdy was fined a short time ago in Judge Green's court and resented the action. It is claimed he threatened personal satisfaction, and he met Judge Green for the first time yesterday afternoon by the time yesterday after the court episode. An altercation ensued and Dr. Purdy struck Judge Green in the face, cutting his nose.

A warrant was sworn out for Dr. Purdy and placed in the hands of Marshal McCollum. The latter went immediately to serve it about twenty minutes after the fight, and met Dr. Purdy in front of the hotel. He placed his hand on Dr. Purdy's shoulder and told the doctor he was under arrest. Then, McCollum said, Dr. Purdy made a motion toward his hip pocket and, thinking his life was in danger, he drew his own revolver and fired, the muzzle of the gun being close to the victim's head. Marshal Purdy killed Louis Buford, a negro desperado from Paducah who broke jail about three years ago.

Dr. Purdy is the father of Arch K. Purdy, bookkeeper for Abram L. Well & Co.

Dr. J. G. Brooks who went down at 1:20 o'clock this morning to operate, returned at 9:30 o'clock.

"I took out several shattered bits of bone and one piece of the bullet which had chipped off and curled up like a filing from a steel lathe," Dr. Brooks said. "The brain oozed out of the wound. I dressed the wound carefully and left the patient in a semi-conscious condition. He recognized me when I left."

McCollum's Record. McCollum besides killing Louis Buford shot and killed a woman and daughter years ago. The woman shot at him from her house when he started to serve papers on her. He returned the fire and killed her.

Some time later the daughter sent for McCollum to make friends with him. She asked for a conference in the cemetery over the grave of her mother. McCollum went. The woman lay in hiding and when nearly upon her place of concealment she stepped out, pointed a pistol at the policeman and shot. McCollum pulled his pistol and killed her.

"FAMOUS" TEAM

Will Compete on Gridiron With Any Amateur Team.

The "Famous" football team is being organized by Messrs. Tom Coburn, captain, and Jim Davis, manager. They have a game arranged for November 17 with Metropolis and will try to arrange one with the High school here for Thanksgiving. Messrs. B. Weille & Son are backing the team and the line up, subject to changes will be: right end, Cope; right tackle, Petter; right guard, Stanley; center, Wickliffe; left guard, Hughes; left end, Katterjohn; left tackle, Martin; quarterback, Coburn; right half, Bauer; fullback, Henneberger; left half, Owens.

New York Central Fined.

New York, Oct. 20.—Fines, aggregating \$108,000, on six counts, were imposed today upon the New York Central and Hudson River railroad by Judge Holt in the United States district court on the charge of granting rebates to the American Sugar Refining company.

Renew Sinking Fund Notes.

Mayor Yeiser and City Auditor Kirkland today renewed the sinking fund notes at 4 per cent. interest. The fund amounts to \$22,036.